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To: robert.fish@ut.usda.gov **Date:** 5/19/2005 1:12:00 PM

Subject: Prime Farmland determination

Hello Mr. Fish,

I am the soil scientist reviewing mine plans for compliance with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. As required by the Act, I must consult with the NRCS concerning prime farmland status of lands within a proposed permit area.

Mr. Shawn Nield of the Price Field Office referred me to you for a determination on prime farmland status for the following parcels in Emery County, T. 22 S., R. 6 E., SLBM:

Sec 22: NE4, SE4, and SE1/4NW1/4

S 23: W1/2 SW1/4

S 27: NE1/4

These parcels are owned by: Kenneth L . & Earlene Christiansen P.O. Box 552 Emery, Utah 84522

and

Consolidation Coal Company 1800 Washington Road Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241

The parcels are found on the USGS Emery East Quad Map and are shown as part of the permit area boundary change for the Emery Mine (outlined in blue) on the attached map.

Portions of this land are shown as prime farmland in the <u>Important Farmlands of Parts of Carbon, Emery, Grand, and Sevier Counties</u>, Utah Ag Exp Sta Rpt No. 76. Since this report was prepared in 1981, I am wondering about the current status of the land. I am also wondering whether this report has been superceded and if so, where to get a current copy.

Please reply using email, as the mine permittee is hoping to begin underground mining in the area as soon as possible.

Sincerely, Priscilla Burton

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